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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Mitsuru TAMURA, Koji TAKIMIYA, Tsutomu KONAKA  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AGGLOMERATES  
**Assignee: SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LIMITED**  
Our Ref: Q67986

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/575,248 (Confirmation No. 2075 ) filed May 22, 2000, of Mitsuru TAMURA, Koji TAKIMIYA and Tsutomu KONAKA entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AGGLOMERATES.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 11 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are a Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1713.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-351843	December 10, 1999

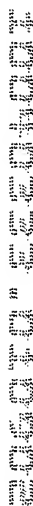
The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/575,248.

The Government filing fee is calculated, **after entry of the attached Preliminary Amendment**, as follows:

Total claims	<u>6</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
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**TOTAL FILING FEE****\$740.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire





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pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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